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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PUSHING ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT

REF:NEW DELHI 8321 (NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL MEA SECRETARY DAMODRAN WAS UNWILLING TO SAY MUCH ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW ON WHICH HE ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA (REFTEL), HE DID TELL THE POL COUNSELOR THAT THE SOVIETS HAD BROUGHT UP THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT IN A BIG WAY. THE INDIANS HAD REBUFFED THIS APPROACH, HE SAID.

2. DAMODRAN RESISTED THE IDEA THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS SOVIET APPROACH AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE EFFORT MIGHT HAVE SPRUNG FROM AN INTEREST ON THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PART IN PLEASING BREZHNEV AS HE NEARS THE END OF HIS CAREER. HE ALSO THREW OUT
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THE IDEA THAT THE SOVS MIGHT BE PUSHING FOR ACCEPTANCE AS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROPOSAL NEARS.

3. EMBASSY MOSCOW MAY WANT TO COMMENT.
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